

**LIVING
THE SPIRIT
FILLED LIFE**



Hearing The Voice Of God



**The voice you believe
will determine the future
you experience.**

“Some people can be so disoriented to God that when he begins to work around them, they actually become annoyed at the interruption!”

— Henry T. Blackaby, *Hearing God's Voice*

“I have learned to trust that when my Lord closes a door in my life it is because he loves me too much to give me less than his best.”

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JOHN 8:47

Whoever belongs to God hears what God says.

JOHN 10:27

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

JOHN 12:49-50

For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.

JOHN 14:23-25

These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. “All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

JOHN 16:13

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

ACTS 8:26

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”

ACTS 8:27-28

So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet.

ACTS 8:29

The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

ACTS 8:30-31

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

ACTS 8:34-35

The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

ACTS 8:39

When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

ACTS 8:40

Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

1 CORINTHIANS

2:10 NLT

But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets.

1 CORINTHIANS

2:11-12 NLT

No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:13

This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

ACTS 15:28

It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us.

**God doesn't hide things from us,
He hides things for us.**

2 CORINTHIANS 10:5

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

**What you don't take captive,
will take captive of you.**

6 ways to know if what I am hearing is from God, the Devil, or myself.

1. Does it line up with the Bible?
2. Does it move me to Jesus?
3. Does it come with shame?
4. Does it come with peace or conviction?
5. Does it come with confirmation from others?
6. Does it leads to sin?

What postures us to hear God's voice?

Posture of Believing — John 10:7

Posture of Intention — Colossians 3:1-3

Posture of Humility — Luke 22:42,

Posture of Love — 1 John 4:7-16, Luke 19:5-10

What prevents us from hearing God's voice?

- Noise
- Hard Heart
- Fear
- Disbelief
- Unrepentant Sin
- Isolation
- Selective Hearing

6 Ways To Listen To The Voice Of God

1. We hear through the Word
2. We hear through Prayer, Inner Voice, or Peace
3. We hear through People
4. We hear through Nature
5. We hear through Visions, Dreams, Pictures, and Circumstances
6. We hear through Worship (Music and Art)

Practicing the Prophetic

Pray: *“Holy Spirit come, help me hear, help me see.”*

Listen: Be patient, read scripture, worship, remove distractions.

Write: Take note of any words, scripture, feelings, pictures.

Pray: *“Holy Spirit is this from you? What is my next step?”*

Listen: Is this for me or for others, for now or later?

Share: Be humble, be bold.

Resources

Discerning the Voice of God by Priscilla Shirer

He Speaks To Me by Priscilla Shirer

Translating God by Shawn Bolz

Exploring the Prophetic by Shawn Bolz

Enter Wild by Carlos Whittaker

Hearing God by Dallas Willard

Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster

Whisper by Mark Batterson

The Sacred Echo by Margaret Feinberg

Surprised by the Voice of God by Jack Deere

Practicing His Presence by Brother Lawrence and Frank Laubach

4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice by Mark and Patti Virkler

The One-Year Hearing His Voice Devotional

ESV Scripture Journal

YouVersion Bible: www.youversion.com

The Bible Project: www.bibleproject.com

Precepts Austin Bible Study Tools: www.preceptaustin.org

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some ways you have experienced hearing God's voice?
2. Of the 6 ways we can hear God's voice, which one do you relate to?
3. How has hearing God's voice shaped decisions in your life?
4. When do you struggle the most hearing God's voice?